

Lamoine School

Principal's Report

Early March, 2010

Things have been rather quiet, which to some extent, is a good thing here at Lamoine School. Our ball teams and cheerleaders have finished up their regular seasons and participated in the RSU 24 post season events at EHS. Our girl's team went to the finals and lost to a talented Mountain View contingent. The boys lost in the quarter- finals to the number one seeded Hancock Hornets. Continuing our run of cheering championships, this year's group prevailed once again. Coach Kim Tupper is preparing them for a run at the states held in March at the Bangor Auditorium. I do want to thank coaches Kim Tupper and Stuart Branch, boys and girls basketball, for having provided meaningful instruction and good role modeling throughout this past season. Also a much deserved thanks to volunteers Richie Zerrien and Steve Kelley, who for the second year now, coached a grades 5 and 6 Downeast YMCA League team from Lamoine.

Our 8th graders and their fundraiser friends have worked hard up to this point to have earned over \$3500.00 for the end of year trip. I believe they are aiming to earn approximately \$1900.00 more to fulfill their goal. They have a nice itinerary planned that includes stops at FunTown in Saco and continuing the next day into Boston in their Cyr Bus Lines coach. In Boston, the kids will visit the Aquarium and the IMAX. A number of parent volunteers will serve as chaperones.

First grade teacher Amy Duym is actively planning a nice winter "chase away the blues in March" Dessert Cabaret. She will be working with selected students as part of the performance. As always, the Cabaret is a wonderful opportunity to bring our community together and Mrs. Duym looks forward to working with both students and adults to make this a special evening.

I am pleased to report that our 3rd through 8th graders scored at a combined 72% proficiency or above in reading and 74% in math on last fall's NECAP testing. The state sets the standard at 66% in reading and 60% in math. The NECAP is the test that replaced the MEA's (Maine Educational Assessments). These are pleasing results and gives us some reference points from where to hopefully move up next year.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, March 10th- School Choice Fair-Trenton School-6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11th- MDI High School Freshman Night -6:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 12th – End of 2nd Trimester

Saturday, March 20th- Dessert Cabaret-Starting at 6:30 p.m

Monday-Thursday- March 22-25th- Parent-Teacher Conferences